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S.H. & H. Chapman,

1348 Pine St. Phila.

Dear Sirs,

Please let me know if you will hold a sale this month, as I have some other things I would like to send you.

Unless I can get \$60 for the fractional essay (silver half dollar, "G.W. Westbrook) - that is \$45 nett, I don't care to sell it at this time. It is I believe unique, and must increase in value with time. You will kindly re-

nevertheless not to let the letter of
appointment on the Stamp commission
to my father go out of your custody,
as it is my chief guarantee as to
the genuineness of the essays.

It was once, I believe, sent to Boston by
a dealer, to convince a sceptical purchaser,
who paid I afterward learned \$500 for a
single stamp which I had already
parted with to the dealer (A. C. Townsend),
for a very small price, with other stamps,
on his representation that they were "merely
essays," for which there was little or no
demand. — I had ^{lost} ~~lost~~ the letter to

I intended to show to a prospective purchaser, and
return in three days, but he kept it over ^{ten days} ~~a week~~
on various excuses. The letter is I am convinced,
perfectly safe in your custody, but you will please
not lend it to anyone ^{with} ~~of~~ whom you are not
quite sure it will be equally safe.

If you issue any catalogues of the sale I would
like two or three copies to send persons who have
seen my collection and may buy.

Very truly

Edw. W. Schaffer

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